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## Not Yet Returned

Our wire stitcher has not yet been returned and hence the paper still goes out unstitched and untrimmed. We see no special reason why it should not be in the office doing its work by this time, but as it is not here the only thing the Board can do is to send the paper out as it is. We shall be greatly disappointed if it is not on hand before the next paper goes out.

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## Personal Mention

Brother Kimmel reports two accessions to the Winchester congregation.

In this issue Brother Miller begins a series of "Five Minutes with the Parable," the first installment being an introduction.

Brother Rensch's "Little Lessons in Church Government," continue both interesting and helpful. They are not all "little lessons."

The "Personnel" of the Indiana State Conference by brother J. A. Miller was crowded out this week. It will appear next week.

We have a letter from Brother Talley, dated Hamlin, Kansas, October 19, at which place he is engaged in holding Bible and Missionary Conferences. He will return home this week.

The whole brotherhood will be interested in the communication from Brother Deffenbaugh in this issue. Read it. It is good news. An entire congregation has stepped over into the ranks of the Brethren, taking with them property and all. More later.

Special attention of the Indiana people is called to notice in this issue by the secretary, Brother Miller.

Brother Stridiron with the rest of the workers in the Chicago Mission keep the work going in the absence of the pastor, Brother Talley. It is a good thing to have workers trained for that purpose,

No, Sister Deitz, we did not forget that we visited Hudson, Iowa. We certainly could not well forget such a pleasant visit, but in some way the report failed to make mention our visit to that place.

Brother J. M. Fox is engaged in revival work at Oakville, Indiana, and orders sample copies of the EVANGELIST with a view to getting subscriptions. That is an item in all revival work that should not be overlooked. Get the paper into the hands of those already members and always into the homes of those who come into the church during the season of revival.

Brother F. D. Van Buren, Warden, Wisconsin, writes that he has six regular appointments, and it takes one month to make the rounds. For September Brother Van Buren received for this service the sum of fifty cents. He has to travel over one hundred miles each month, but he says, "Praise the Lord the work is prospering." Talk about sacrifice! How few know the meaning of that word as applied to their own lives.

A postal card from Brother J. L. Bowman, Vinco, Pa., says: Revival services begin here October 27. Special prayer for God's presence in these services is requested. Last Wednesday evening at our prayer meeting the topic, "What can I do to Make the revival a success" was considered. We had a splendid meeting. Our theme for the first sermon of the revival is "The great Arbitrator."

Brother Hubbard writes: "Our work moves on and the prospects for the incoming year are exceedingly good. Such a conference as we had. How I wish that you might have been with us to enjoy it. I am staying with the churches that I have been serving the past two years. The relation between pastor and people is very pleasant indeed. May they continue so. Our apportionment of \$30.00 for State Missions has already been raised at Salem."

Cut this out and paste in a place for convenient reference: The address of J. C. Cassel, 915 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pa. L. S. Bauman, 2121 Camac Street, Philadelphia, Pa. I. D. Bowman, 2000 S. 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pa. J. O. Talley, 1080 Polk Street, Chicago, Ill. Wm. M. Lyon, 315 9th Street, S. E., Washington, D. C. J. L. Gillin, Care Cornell Memorial Church, 76th Street, Between 2d and 3d Ave., New York City, N. Y.

Brother Cassel's report of the National Mission Board for the months of August and September shows the church indebted to the secretary for about \$135. This is not as it ought to be. The church should not ask any of its men whom it has placed in office to do business for them to carry its obligations. Nor does the church mean to do that. With Brother Cassel we have confidence in the Brethren that they will meet the obligations and begin the work anew.

The following from the Berlin Record is a matter of news to us and no doubt also to the brotherhood at large: Rev. P. M. Swinehart tendered his resignation as pastor of the several Brethren charges in Berlin and surrounding vicinity on last Sunday. Rev. Swinehart has received a call from

a charge at Waterloo, Iowa, and thus resigns his present appointment to go to the new field. In his future position the Reverend will have two congregations, one at Waterloo and one at Enon. The call came unsolicited on the part of Mr. Swinehart and he expects to go to his new scene of labor some time in December.

Brother Alvin Byers is engaged in a glorious revival work at North Georgetown, Ohio, one of the regular appointments in his charge. A note from Brother Ruff, a member of the congregation, writes as follows: "The revival work at North Georgetown is now going on. Brother Byers is in earnest and preaches the word with great power. Eleven have come out thus far and all have been baptized, ten of them being young people who will hold the reins of the church at some future time. Great interest is manifest, and God has blessed this meeting abundantly. Communion services, October 20th. Meeting will in all probability continue all next week, and no doubt greater results will follow." Following this note came another on Monday morning from the same brother announcing that the meetings are continued and that four more have been added to the number making fifteen in all to date. Brother Ruff adds, "More halting between two opinions, and will in the coming week seek salvation, by God's grace and the powerful preaching of Brother Byers, with the prayers of the practical members of the church. Let the entire brotherhood pray for us at this place, while a great awakening is upon us, and by God's choicest blessings many souls will be delivered from the bondage of sin, and the shackles of satan break loose." We rejoice with the brethren at North Georgetown and their pastor in the awakening that is bringing souls into the fold of Christ. May the good work go on, and may the Lord continue to bless our brother in his faithful ministration of the word of God.

The brotherhood knows that Brother Haskins is in Washington City assisting Brother Lyon in revival work in that city, and because our people know that these two consecrated men have united in an effort against sin and in the interest of the kingdom of God, they are anxiously waiting the news from the Capital. This is what Brother Lyon writes: "Revival still in progress. Brother Haskins gives out the message with no uncertain sound. Three confessed last night, (October 18) one of them my oldest child, Tirzah, twelve years of age. We believe others will come soon. Brother William Repogle, a member of the Johnstown congregation, is with us also, and proves himself to be quite helpful in these meetings both in song and in personal work among the unsaved. We bless God for the good work being done and ask all to pray for us that we may soon reap a blessed harvest of souls." Into this same letter Brother Haskins slipped a little note the contents of which Brother Lyon does not know, but he will know when this paper reaches him. It is as follows: "For a persistent, faithful gleaner in the field of personal work there are few to excel Brother Lyon. It is a question of physical ability to keep up with him that is troubling me. Have visited hundreds of families in one week. Just think of it." Now then we have both sides of it, and the two are not alike, yet they are alike. There is persistent preaching and there is persistent personal work, and there is persistent stick-a-to-a-tiveness that must win. Let the church pray for the work in Washington, and especially at this time let there be earnest prayer for the two brethren in the ministry who are laboring so faithfully in the Master's cause.